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Proposed Amended Claim 23

23. (Currently amended) Workpiece cracking device, the workpiece being any one of a disk-shaped and a plate-shaped production part having an upper side and an under side and a pre-specified fracture plane, the workpiece cracking device comprising:
- a base,
 - a first pair of jaws immovably mounted on the base, the first pair of jaws comprising a lower jaw and an upper jaw,
 - a second pair of jaws movably mounted on the base, the second pair of jaws comprising a lower jaw and an upper jaw,
 - a drive moving, in operation, the movably-mounted second pair of jaws periodically up and down with respect to a plane-said upper side and said under side of the disk-shaped or plate-shaped production part, as defined in an unstressed state, in such a way that the production part, along the fracture plane, is subjected to a tensile stress alternately on said upper side and said under side, and
 - a control unit with which the frequency and force of the up and down movement of the second pair of jaws can be adjusted.